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17 November 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

SUBJECT: Weekly Report to the Board on Far Eastern
Photographic Coverage by Chairman, COMIREX

Attached is the follow up on the discussion at COMIREX on 16 November of the problem of periodic reports to USIB (COMIREX-M-17, Section VI, paragraph 1). It is requested that you phone this office prior to close of business, 21 November, to advise whether you wish to have this memorandum forwarded to USIB or whether you prefer to discuss it at COMIREX on 30 November.

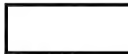


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REFERENCES:

- a. USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184),
13 September 1965
- b. USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201),
19 January 1966
- c. USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207),
4 March 1966
- d. Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308
(COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967

1. Based on priorities established by the Board between September 1965 and May 1967 (see references a, b, c, and d) a weekly report has been submitted to the Board by Chairman, COMIREX on photographic coverage obtained of South China, North Vietnam, targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border and the Sino-Indian border. COMIREX has reviewed present requirements in perspective of the need for reporting and a revised procedure is recommended in paragraph 4.

2. At this time COMIREX notes as follows with regard to the need for the frequency of reporting on various areas included in photographic reconnaissance requirements for the Far East:

a. The Sino-Indian border is targeted only for satellite coverage so weekly reporting has little meaning.

b. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border have been changed considerably since 13 September 1965 and those of pertinence to the area are covered on a priority basis [redacted]

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c. South China and North Vietnam continue to receive priority attention with requirements ranging from



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d. North Korea is not included in the present report to USIB but has recently been receiving priority attention and COMIREX is keeping a close watch on the photographic coverage obtained.

3. COMIREX concludes that it should be its continuing responsibility to maintain records on photographic coverage on the Far East so that the coverage obtained of the priority areas and priority targets can be reported out immediately upon demand. COMIREX notes also that with regard to targets in areas which are not receiving priority attention it is reporting coverage in the monthly status report.

4. COMIREX recommends that:

a. The weekly report to USIB by Chairman, COMIREX on South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian border photographic reconnaissance (USIB-D-46.8/ and COMIREX-D-25.17/Series) be discontinued.

b. COMIREX be prepared to report on current photographic reconnaissance over priority areas and of priority targets on demand.

c. Coverage of areas not of current priority interest be reported on a monthly basis in the status report (USIB-D-46.9/ and COMIREX-D-72/Series).

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